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Autobiographical Sketch

My life all began here in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 10th, 1987. I have lived in 3 houses my whole life, and attended Bethel Park School District since kindergarten. Throughout my life, I have taken up many hobbies, sports, and activities. I danced for 3 years at about age 5, participating in 3 recitals. I have played the piano since second grade; participating in various recitals, in nursing homes and churches. I was in Girl Scouts until 6th grade, where as I learned a lot of skills I use now. Between 4th grade and 8th grade I played the clarinet, at second chair. At one of our concerts, I won the solo, a big accomplishment within the band. My parents insisted that I knew how to swim well, so I took swimming lessons from age 3 to about 13. These lessons benefited me in the long run, providing the skills I needed for my first job. I played soccer for about 7 years, and decided I did not have enough time for it, despite the fact that I was not all that bad at the sport. I then took up softball for almost 4 years, a sport which I did not have as much luck at. After all the sports I have tried I decided I am not very athletic; so I stuck to academics.

Over the years, I have tried to maintain a 4.0 average while juggling my personal life and work. It's been challenging, and I have not completely kept up my grades, but I have been doing well; maintaining at least a 3.7 GPA. I started working at age 14 at the YMCA of South Hills, as a swim instructor. From there, I have had only 4 jobs, 2 of which I am still currently working at. I became interested in computers about 4 years ago, when I saw websites hosting these "cartoon dolls". I started to make them in my free time, and eventually made my own website. I have maintained my website as a hobby for about 2 years now, mostly teaching myself HTML & everything I know about computers. Then I decided to look into my future, and possibly make a living from my hobby. It is from there, that I got involved with computer programming and website design. I have taken classes in school, and I am fully intent on pursuing a career in a computer related field. I believe that I would benefit from this program, increasing my chances of getting scholarship money and accepted to a college known for my major.